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SELECTION OF NEW CDP AND CRP LEADERS COMES WHILE GOP IS STILL DIVIDED AND DEMOS UNITED

Editor's note: Both of Calif.'s major political parties will select new officers for 1993 in the next few months. The CA Republican Party(CRP) will hold its semi-annual convention Feb. 26-28, while the CA Demo Party meets Apr. 2-4. Here's our report...

...The Demos first, because there's harmony in the ranks. CDP Chairman Phil Angelides will be a tough act to follow. And the big question right now is who will succeed him for the next 4 years. An attempt to rid the CDP by-laws of the north/south rotation failed when the CDP's "E" board met in mid December, meaning the next party chair MUST be from Southern CA. Here are the names that have surfaced so far (but it doesn't mean they are actually running): tv/radio commentator Bill Press; DNC committeewomen Roz Wyman and Carmen Perez; former Congressman Mel Levine; and AFSCME organizer Arlene Holt. Orange Co. Demo chair Howard Adler has decided NOT to run. Of this group, Press is a serious candidate...

...As for the CRP, it's uncivil warfare --- but with a new TWIST. Yes, hardliners seem to be on one side and the more moderate forces led by Gov. Pete Wilson on the other side. But the guy in the middle may be PRO-Life hardline Assemblyman Gil Ferguson of Orange Co., who now says it's BIG TENT TIME once again --- and time to drop the RNC and CRP's PRO-Life platform plank. Moderates are dumb-founded by Ferguson's statement, while religious right hardliners don't know whether to spit on Ferguson or join him. Ferguson says it's the BIG TENT or see the GOP as a MINORITY party forever...

...It's against this background that the CRP will meet in late February. There is no controversy over who will succeed CRP Chair Jim Dignan. That will be Tirso Del

Junco, the CRP's current vice chair...

...The big battle may be on who replaces Del Junco as the CRP vice chair. It won't be Dignan, who was running and seemed to be the leading contender, but suddenly backed out Dec. 10, citing business reasons...

...Dignan's decision has given a major boost to attorney John Herrington, who served as energy secretary in the Reagan Administration. Herrington has been an RR operative, going back to 1968 and has served RR in virtually every campaign. The key problem Herrington has is the perception by some hardliners that he is Pete Wilson's candidate. Herrington told CALPEEK he's NOT a moderate and the idea of him being a Wilson clone is ridiculous...

...Nevertheless, it's very possible that wealthy insurance company executive John McGraw of San Mateo, a very close ally to Dignan and CRP exec. director Lorelei Kinder, may challenge Herrington. There is some talk about a UNITY ticket, but there isn't anything solid yet. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK UPDATE: NUMBER OF SPECIALS GROWS.

Editor's note: Here is a brief update on who's IN and who's OUT in a number of special elections which Gov. Wilson has yet to call -- although March 2nd looks like a date for several of these specials...

- 17th C.D. - No special yet for U.S. Rep. Leon Panetta's seat because the Demo congressman says he won't resign his seat until confirmed as Director of the Office of Management & Budget. But when he does resign, there could be as many as 4 Demos seeking this seat. The leading contender is Assemblyman Sam Farr. But also looking

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things over are Monterey Co. Supes Barbara Shipnuck and Karin Strasser Kaufman, and Santa Cruz Co. Sup. Gary Patton. On the GOP side, Panetta's Nov. 3 opponent, Bill McCampbell, might run...

- 2nd S.D. - This is the seat being vacated by State Sen. Barry Keene(D). Assemblyman Dan Huaser(D) has decided NOT to run, thus giving State Sen. Mike Thompson (D) a clear field. On the GOP side, businesswoman Margie Handley will be running. She gave Keene a BIG scare in 1990...

- 31st A.D. - Nothing exciting to report in this race to replace Demo Assemblyman Bruce Bronzan. Bronzan AA Cruz Bustamonte is still the top name Demo, but sources say Fresno Councilman Robert Smith is testing the waters. No big GOP names to report...

- 32nd S.D. - A big bucks battle between two hardline conservatives is shaping up for this Orange Co. senate seat being vacated by Ed Royce. Brian Bennett, U.S. Rep. Bob Dornan's former chief-of-staff, was the first hardliner to announce. On Dec. 22 businessman Rob Hurtt, one of the biggest contributors to conservative candidates and causes, announced his candidacy. Still unsure of whether to go or not is Santa Ana Mayor Dan Young(R). A more serious rival may be GOP consultant Lois Lundberg, who use to be Orange Co. GOP chair. On the Demo side, Ken LeBlanc has announced, but he'd have a tough time winning. As for Demo Assemblyman Tom Umberg, sources don't expect him to run. FYI: When CALPEEK talked to Bennett about Hurtt's candidacy, he said, "It wouldn't be the first time that a millionaire has tried to buy an election." Those are fighting words...

- 16th S.D. - This Kern-L.A. Co. seat vacated by GOP Sen. Don Rogers will be a hotly contested battle. On the GOP side, Joe Shell has dropped out, leaving the fighting to former Assemblyman Phil Wyman and Bakersfield Councilman Kevin McDermott. McDermott is allied with U.S. Rep. Bill Thomas, while Wyman is backed by the conservatives. On the Demo side, the odds-on favorite is Assemblyman Jim Costa. There are some other Demos testing the waters, but they were losers in the 1992 election. More next week...

ROSENGARTEN LOGS 10 YEARS WITH CALPEEK.

Editor's note: Although it seems like just yesterday, 1993 marks my 10th year with Calif. Political Week(CALPEEK). It's the longest and most enjoyable job I've ever had. A few changes to note for the coming year. Good news -- we've got a new 386 computer with Microsoft Windows & Word. Even a spell check. That's the good news. The bad news is that I still don't know how to use it. Also, NO MORE sales tax on CALPEEK. Stay tuned...

NEW LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAMS ELECTED.

Editor's note: Just in case you missed it, CA legislators have elected their new 1993 leadership teams. Most of the past leaders remain in power, but there are a few new faces and some different titles...

STATE SENATE

- Demos - David Roberti, president pro tem; Henry Mello, majority leader; Leroy Greene, majority whip; and Milton Marks, Demo Caucus chair...

- GOP - Ken Maddy, minority leader; Newt Russell, minority whip; and Bill Leonard, GOP Caucus chair...

STATE ASSEMBLY

- Demos - Willie Brown, speaker; Tom Hanigan, majority leader; Jack O'Connell, speaker pro tem; Richard Polanco, asst. speaker pro tem; and Jim Costa, Demo Caucus chair...

- GOP - Jim Brulte, minority leader; and David Knowles(floor activities), Andrea Seastrand(caucus) and Stan Statham(media) are the assistant leaders...

...FYI: In a future issue, CALPEEK will list all the new Legislative committee chairmanships. But for now, be advised that in the State Assembly, Speaker Willie Brown has appointed Steve Peace as chair of the F&I (Finance & Insurance) Cmt; Burt Margolin takes over Health; and John Burton once again becomes the chair of Rules. The Speaker also named 3 GOP members as vice chairs: Paula Boland on Public Safety; Chuck Quackenbush on R&T; and Paul Horcher on W&M. The Horcher appointment is causing some problems within the GOP Caucus. GOP

Assembly Leader Jim Brulte had wanted Dean Andal to get this post, but Brown -- at the request of his top lieutenants -- wouldn't go along. When Horcher accepted Brown's appointment, Brulte let it be known that Horcher might find himself with a very hot and well-funded primary challenger in 1994. Stay tuned...

L.A. MAYOR'S RACE: A FEW NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

Editor's note: While the field is ALMOST (but not completely) set for the upcoming L.A. City Mayoral Primary, the candidates have been rounding out their campaign management teams. Here's our update...

- SERIOUSLY TESTING THE WATERS - L.A. Deputy Mayor Linda Griego told CALPEEK she is looking the situation over very seriously. She's looking at MONEY, supporters and campaign managers. A decision is expected soon. CALPEEK sources who have seen Griego working the crowds at some recent political events believe she'll run...

- WACHS NAMES CONSULTANTS - L.A. Councilman Joel Wachs has named Harvey Englander's Campaign Management, Inc. to handle most aspects of his campaign. TV/media will be run by N.Y.-based Jay Severin, while fund-raising will be handled by Tom Hall...

- KATZ ROUNDS OUT TEAM - Demo Assemblyman Richard Katz has hired former CDP operative Peter Taylor to handle daily management. D.C.-based Struble-Totten Communications will handle TV/media and Anna Bennett will do polling...

- SANDERS ENTERS RACE - Attorney Stan Sanders is the second prominent black to run. He has hired TV/media consultant Joe Trippi. John Shalman is Sander's coordinator. Former Bradley fundraiser Irene Tritschler has been handling activities for Sanders, but is NOT yet aboard full-time. And media relations ace Karen Kukurin also has been doing some work for Sanders...

...FYI: Jan. 20 is the 1st day to file declarations of intent to run. Jan. 25 is the last day to file the declaration. And Feb. 13 is the last day to file nominating petitions. The election is Apr. 20 and the runoff will be June 8. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- THE CALIF. ECONOMIC SUMMIT - Scheduled for the 1st week in February in L.A., this event is supposed to be similar to what Pres.-elect Bill Clinton did in Little Rock in mid-December. Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and probably Gov. Pete Wilson will co-sponsor the summit. What will come out of this media event? There could be some unique ideas advanced, but many CALPEEK sources predict the usual: continued calls to repair the broken workers' comp system; ease government red tape on business; and tax breaks for companies who create NEW JOBS in Calif. FYI: Well-known economist Walter Hoadley's annual analysis of the economy will be presented at 11:45 a.m., Jan. 8, Sheraton Palace Hotel, S.F. For info (415)597-6705...

- WHO WILL REPLACE BOE'S BENNETT??? - Demo Bill Bennett, a 21-year vet of the Board of Equalization, has resigned, citing poor health. With this vacancy, it means that Gov. Wilson will be able to appoint a Republican - thus giving control of this little recognized yet powerful board to the GOP. The two names which surface most often as replacements are former Assemblywoman Bev Hansen and Jeff Wallack, who ran against Bennett in 1990 -- the year that Bennett was accused of filing false travel expense reports. Bennett pled no contest to a reduced misdemeanor --- thus avoided a 23-count felony trial...

- THE WILLIE BROWN STORY - Two Sacto BEE reporters are writing books about Demo Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown. No movie deals --- yet. Jim Richardson is taking a leave Feb. 1st to begin research on a bio, with a grant from the Alicia Patterson Foundation (an endowment for reporters). And Steve Wiegand will help the Speaker write his autobiography. No titles for either book, but CALPEEK suggests, "Veni, Vidi, Vici" II...

- KEEPING YOUR NAME IN THE NEWS - Soon-to-be former U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell (R-Palo Alto) has launched a series of 60-second radio commentaries on KNX/L.A. and KGO/S.F. on economic and other public policy issues. The commentaries are being funded by Campbell's non-profit corporation, The Center

for Free Enterprise. CALPEEK sources say Campbell plans to run for State Treasurer in 1994 and the commentaries are one way to keep his name in front of voters...

- FUTURE READING FILE - CALPEEK sources say L.A. Times Orange Co. political writer Dave Leshner has written an extensive article about U.S. Rep. Bob Dornan(R-Garden Grove). Dornan, as well as others in Orange Co., are aware of this yet-to-be published article. The article has not as yet cleared all editorial stops nor the legal department at the LAT. Sources say this article WON'T make Dornan a happy camper. Stay tuned...

L.A. COUNCIL PRES. FERRARO TO GIVE STATE OF THE CITY TALK AT L.A. CURRENT AFFAIRS FORUM
L.A. City Council Pres. John Ferraro will discuss "The State of the City" at the Jan. 11 meeting of L.A. Current Affairs Forum. Reception 11:30 a.m., luncheon 12 noon, University Club in downtown L.A. For info and RSVPs, call Emma Schafer (213)445-8862. This luncheon is co-sponsored by the So. CA Gas Company...

CA REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY DIRECTORS TO MEET.

The quarterly Board of Directors meeting of the CA Republican Assembly(CRA) will be held Jan. 15-17, Viscount Hotel, near LAX. This ought to be a fairly interesting meeting, as candidates who might oppose Gov. Pete Wilson(R) in the June 1994 GOP primary have been invited to the gathering. For info, Jim McCutchen (310)645-6686...

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NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- A very sad note: Burbank-based campaign consultant Lynn Wessell died Dec. 25 of complications following back surgery, a previously-undiagnosed diabetic condition and severe post-operative infection. He turned 54 on Dec. 24. The funeral was held Dec. 30. Although his firm would sometimes handle candidate campaigns, he was best known for managing local ballot measures. He had a very impressive track record. The Wessell Co. will continue under the direction of VP Cathy Ann Connelly. R.I.P...

- Another sad note: Assemblyman Bill Filante(R-Marin Co.) died Dec. 9 after a short battle with brain cancer. Filante was 63. He'll be missed. R.I.P...

- Greg Thompson, a top aide to former L.A. Co. DA Ira Reiner, has taken a job as chief deputy to Sacto Co. DA Steve White...

- West Hollywood Councilwoman Abbe Land has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Nat'l League of Cities. Land also has been elected president of Women In Municipal Govt., which is a part of NLC...

- Marketing Data Systems of Orange has reorganized as Integrated Direct. The firm remains at 2245 N. Glassell, Orange, CA 92665. (714)921-8888...

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